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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

AUG 21 1985

School of International Studies

Mr. William J. Casey
 Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

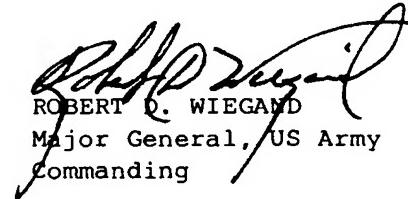
During the period October 7 through October 11, 1985, 90 officers from the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Course will be in Washington on our semiannual Interagency Field Trip. This trip, an integral part of the FAO educational program, is designed to acquaint the students with operations of selected activities having an interface with the FAO specialty. A fact sheet about the course, a class profile, and a brochure about the FAO specialty are enclosed.

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Preliminary coordination has been made with [redacted] of your staff to arrange our visit on October 8 at 1:00 p.m. Copies of security clearance rosters and a list of questions/topics for discussion with regional specialists will be provided to [redacted]. Captain Keith Kernek, Chief, Operations Division, School of International Studies, will be happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have. He can be reached at (919) 396-1470/1207.

We are grateful for your support of the Center's educational mission and look forward to seeing you during the upcoming visit.

Sincerely,



ROBERT Q. WIEGAND
 Major General, US Army
 Commanding

Enclosures

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FAOC 2-85 CLASS PROFILE

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>LTC</u>	<u>MAJ</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>YRS SVC:</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
	1	10	56		20	6	10

<u>SOURCE OF COMMISSION:</u>	<u>ROTC</u>	<u>OCS</u>	<u>USMA</u>	<u>DIRECT'</u>	<u>NG</u>	<u>UNREPT'</u>
	38	13	13	1	1	1

<u>BRANCH:</u>	<u>AV</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>EN</u>	<u>AD</u>	<u>MI</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>FA</u>	<u>TC</u>	<u>MP</u>	<u>AR</u>	<u>OD</u>
	7	25	2	6	4	4	11	2	3	2	1

<u>COMPONENT:</u>	<u>RA</u>	<u>USAR</u>	<u>AGE:</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
	44	13		39	28	32

<u>MARITAL STATUS:</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>	<u>MARRIED</u>	<u>SEX:</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
	7	60		66	1

<u>CIVILIAN EDUCATION:</u>	<u>MASTERS</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>3 YRS</u>
	24	27	15	1

<u>MILITARY EDUCATION:</u>	<u>CAREER OFFICER CRS</u>	<u>C&GSC</u>
	58	9

<u>COMBAT EXPERIENCE:</u>	<u>VIET NAM</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>ADVISORY EXPERIENCE:</u>	<u>HOND</u>	<u>VIET NAM</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
	120 mos.	2 mos.		31 mos	12 mos	11 mos

<u>FOREIGN LANGUAGE:</u>	<u>AFRIKAANS</u>	<u>BENGALI</u>	<u>DUTCH</u>	<u>FRENCH</u>	<u>GERMAN</u>	<u>TURKISH</u>
	1	1	1	6	15	1
	<u>RUSSIAN</u>	<u>ITALIAN</u>	<u>KOREAN</u>	<u>SPANISH-AMER</u>	<u>POLISH</u>	<u>PORTUGUESE-EU</u>
	2	3	2	16	1	2

TOTAL: 67

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THE FOREIGN AREA OFFICER (FAO) SPECIALTY AND THE FAO COURSE

Some Background on Army Officer Education and Training

US Army officers are educated and trained throughout their military careers based on their own qualification and desires, and the needs of the service. The program within which this education and training is conducted is called the Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS). Among its provisions is the requirement for officers to become qualified in two separate and distinct functional areas. "Dual Specialization" - as it is called - provides the Army with professionalization and needed flexibility in utilizing its officer manpower over time.

An officer begins his initial specialization (called his INSPEC) at entry, and thereafter periodically receives additional education and training in that specialty for the remainder of his military service. In his seventh year of commissioned service, the officer - having a firm foundation in his INSPEC - begins education and training in an additional specialty (called his ADSPEC). This training will vary, depending on the ADSPEC selected and the needs of the individual officer. But in almost all comparisons, the ADSPEC education and training for the FAO officer is more formalized, extended in time, and demanding than that found in other specialties. Therefore, the FAO ADSPEC selection process is extremely thorough and results in selectees whose prior records strongly suggest that they can fully accomplish all FAO pre-deployment educational requirements and succeed in the unique arena of the FAO soldier-statesman-scholar.

The FAO Specialty

The Foreign Area officer Specialty produces officers qualified for assignment to positions requiring substantial politico-military awareness, interdisciplinary analytic skills, a language proficiency, and detailed knowledge of a specific foreign area. Foreign Area Officer assignment positions are located throughout the Departments of the Army, Defense and State, elsewhere in the US Government, and with allied or Host Country activities abroad.

Foreign Area Officer Program training includes the following: (1) an advanced degree in area studies or other FAO-related discipline at selected universities in the United States and abroad; (2) the Foreign Area Officer Course at the US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center (USAJFKSWC), where interdisciplinary analytic skills are honed and practiced; (3) language training, and (4) 1-to-2 years travel, research and study in the FAOs overseas area of specialization. Only when all four educational phases are accomplished is a FAO qualified for a utilization assignment.

The FAO Course

Course Description: The 21 week/1-day Foreign Area Officer Course is best understood in terms of education a Foreign Area Officer as opposed

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FOREIGN AREA OFFICER PROGRAM/RESERVE COMPONENT (FAOP/RC)

The FAOP/RC Course is conducted by USAJFKSWC for Reserve Component Officer (ARNGUS or USAR) selected by CG, RCPAC under prerequisites established by AR 135-11. The FAOP/RC Course encompasses two nonresident phases (I and III) and two resident phases (II and IV).

a. Nonresident phases: Phase I requires students to prepare and submit typewritten responses to ten assigned discussion topics based on directed readings and a recommended, selected biography. Phase III requires students to prepare and submit an original research paper (25-30 pages) on a current events topic mutually agreed upon by the student and his/her appointed Area Seminar Director.

b. Resident phases:

(1) Phase II, FAOP/RC, is conducted four times annually (twice during each Regular Component FAO Course), once during weeks 6 and 7 (Phase IIA) and again during weeks 16 and 17 (Phase IIB). To attend Phase IIA, FAOP/RC members must have a Masters Degree in Area Studies, or equivalent experience, since at this time Regular FAO Course students will be in an advanced area studies phase. "Equivalent experience" would include one year or more residence in a foreign country/countries, extensive travel in and contact with local populace of foreign countries, or extensive area study and analysis (short of an actual Masters Degree). All FAOP/RC members (with or without Area Studies Masters Degree) may attend Phase IIB at which time a basic area overview will be conducted. To be eligible for either Phase II session, FAOP/RC members must have received a completion certificate for Phase I not later than 30 days prior to the Phase II report date.

(2) Phase IV, FAOP/RC, is conducted two times annually once per Regular FAOC during weeks 21 and 22 to allow FAOP/RC members to participate in the International Affairs Symposium and the course graduation exercise. To be eligible for Phase IV attendance, FAOP/RC members must have received completion certificates for Phases I, II and III not later than 30 days prior to the Phase IV report date.